

## MENE RETURNS WITH REAL STORY OF POLE

Let Doc Cook Fume and Peary Frown, Keshoo Will Lecture—May Be.

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Aurora Borealis of Broadway Looks Good After Seven Arctic Years.

Just who did or did not reach the north pole and a lot of other snappy social items concerning the doings of the Eskimo upper crust of Kangerluksuaq, Tugtotoortok, South Upernivik and all points north were brought to Broadway yesterday afternoon by none other than the fondly remembered Mene Keshoo, whose native home is only two or three whoops and a holier this side of the north pole.

Readers with long memories probably will recall that twenty years ago Explorer Peary came back to New York from one of his Greenland trips bringing Mene Keshoo, then a five-year-old Eskimo boy. And readers with shorter memories doubtless have not forgotten that after Mene had spent thirteen years in and around Manhattan attending schools he felt the call of the north, so irresistibly that he climbed back over the caves of the world again to spend the rest of his days in the little white igloo on the hill up Greenland way.

But during his thirteen years on or near Broadway Mene had learned to love golf and admire Vesta Tilly from this side of the footlights (Miss Tilly was the only one he asked for by name upon his arrival at the Hotel McAlpin yesterday) and positively to detest upon the sounds around Thirty-fourth street and Broadway.

In Regular Store Clothes.

And so around the middle of Greenland's yesterday, or last half past July, Mene couldn't stand it any longer. One glance at the low lying sun convinced him that if he started at once and didn't holler on the way he ought to hit Broadway before sunset that day.

Wherefore when the steamship Stephano of the Red Cross Line came in from Newfoundland yesterday and berthed on the shores of Old Doc Cook's home town—the same being Brooklyn—one of the first to step ashore was none other than Mene. He was all dressed up in regular store clothes, set off with a red, white, green and black cravat, and within him a mighty story was welling.

The ship news reporter of the *Eagle* got one flash of Mene stepping ashore and instinctively grasped that the cause of Mene's plumpness was the story the Eskimo young man was trying to hold in. Yes, Mene had a story, a real story, so he told the *Eagle* and he added that inasmuch as the story was a recital of facts which would prove who did or did not reach the north pole he meant to tell the yarn to the newspaper that would pay him his price for it.

So He Waited on the Pier.

"Sure the *Eagle* 'll pay you your price," cried the ship news lad eagerly. "How much do you want for the story?"

"One million," began Mene and stopped for a moment to gasp a bit before naming the sum. "One million dollars," Mene managed to say at last shakily.

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The *Eagle* man spun for some time, but finally slowed down enough to permit him to stick out one foot and sprag himself. And then in a husky tone he told Mene he would go right over to his office and get the boss to hand him the money and bring it back to Mene. For a long time Mene waited on the pier, but the ship news lad never did come back, so Mene headed for Manhattan and the Hotel McAlpin.

There he dumped his baggage in his bedroom, telephoned downstairs for whatever he could be spared, placed the ice under the fan, added a lot of store clothes and finally sat down before the fan after city editors had been made acquainted with the fact that if reporters would come to the McAlpin Mene would talk business with them.

Money Is Made to Mene.

In time the chairs and bed and other furniture of Mene's room was paved with enough interviewers to make a mess, whereupon everybody got set in front of Mene and gave the command in English: "Shoot!" But first Mene wanted to talk business over a bit. If there was anybody present with a million bucks in his clothes he didn't flash it, everybody waiting for Mene to make the first move.

"Now about that \$1,000,000," began Mene, whose English is admirable, thanks to his long stretch of study here years ago. "Over in Brooklyn I told the reporter I wanted that much, but I just named a big sum so he wouldn't try to worm by big story about the north pole discovery out of me. I want to keep that until I've talked the price over with men from all the papers."

"For about seven years past I've been living with the Eskimos who went with Peary and with Dr. Cook on their last trip—with Etukeshook and Apilvak, who were with Dr. Cook when he made his last dash toward the pole, and with Ootah, Igluwa, Siglook and Ookeyah (phonetic spellings, all), who were with Peary on his trip to the pole."

Some One Missed Pole.

"The Eskimos kept count of the days from the time they started until they got to the places where Peary and Cook said, 'This is the place—there will never be any need for another trip here. And the Eskimos kept count of lots of other things, and told me lots of other things too, which to a white man who knows about polar trips will prove that somebody did or did not get to the pole."

"Now, speaking about Doc Cook's claims," began Mene, but got no further. Right there Mene Keshoo, who now calls himself Mene Wallace in honor of William Wallace, who was director of the American Museum of Natural History when Mene was brought to Manhattan twenty years ago and later became Mene's "adopted father"—right there Mene made it plain that any discussion about the claims of Rear Admiral Peary or Doc Cook should be held in reserve until some publisher sets himself back sufficiently to get Mene's story exclusively.

Consequently the talk had to be switched to questions such as, "Well, Mene, how did you leave every little thing around the igloo?" Or, "Been keeping up your golf with a red ball in reserve until some publisher sets himself back sufficiently to get Mene's story exclusively?"

toppen way this winter?" and similar weighty inquiries. The old igloo had melted and sagged when Mene got back to his native home at North Star Bay, which is up near parallel 80, seven years ago, and there was little use even in looking up the old door yard inasmuch as the old home plot had doubtless moved out on a glacier and tipped over. Consequently Mene chuckled his Broadway clothes for a nobody's button coat of polar bear, bearskin ummentables, a bird skin shirt and seal boots and then built a new igloo and started in to support himself by hunting and fishing.

For seven years his bill of fare was walrus meat, seal, narwhal and sometimes salmon and auka. Day by day the desire to get back to Broadway food—especially bread, coffee, sugar and tobacco—grew stronger, and so on half past July he set out on foot for Parker Snow Bay, where he got a bath as a sailor on the MacMillan relief ship George B. Cluett, homeward bound, and worked his way to St. John's, Newfoundland.

There he engaged passage on the Stephano five days ago. Maybe he'll lecture on the Eskimos while here, Mene says, but he doesn't know whereof the financing of his trip and possible lecture tour no one, of course, inquired, and Mene didn't go into details.

Where Education Harms.

"I wish they hadn't educated me," Mene said sadly. "If all the Eskimos were educated and lived in a civilized way everything would be all right up there. I want to live up there, but now that I've learned things down here life in the darkness of northern Greenland makes me feel as if I was shut up in a dark cellar all the time and wishing for things that I know are outside the cellar. The others don't know what's outside, and so they don't worry. But I suppose after a little while I'll want to be."

"Girl," asked a youthful interviewer, but Mene didn't seem to get the idea for a moment. "Some queen up there," he muttered the rhyme young journalist. Maybe there's a big blonde Eskimo—what?"

But the greatest golf shark in all Greenland—undisputed national champion of the entire Arctic regions—only shook his head once he had caught the drift of the question, and thereupon the round, brown face of the Chick Evans of the North Pole took on so gloomy a look that everybody invited him to come below stairs to the nineteenth igloo to have a framed stick-me-up. Mene respectfully declined, however, for when it comes to the hard stuff he is the combined Josephus Daniels and William J. Brennings of the roof of the world.

"DR. LOVEJOY," STEP UP!

Relatives of Rich Woman He

Called a "Nut" Want Him.

Where is the man who called Miss Jessie Giffender a "nut"? The heirs would like to know. She bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the Metropolitan Museum, the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, the Charity Organization Society and Johns Hopkins University when she died in February. The heirs, who yesterday began a contest, are anxious to find a certain "Dr. Lovejoy," formerly of Los Angeles, who so designated the sixty-five year-old spinster. They say his testimony would show she used to travel incessantly, her only baggage an old handbag and a parcel wrapped in oiled cloth.

One of the contesting nephews is George Hyatt Robinson, who lives at the Elks Club, in West Forty-third street.

Operation Kills Football Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.—John W. Hingley of Evanston, Ill., last year's captain and fullback of the Wesleyan University football team, died in a hospital here to-day from the effects of an operation following an attack of tonsillitis.

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